

SPORTS

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City of Jackson Department of Parks and Recreation

2008 CARTOON BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Boys Ages 9-12 & 15-17

Girls Ages 13-15

(As of June 1, 2008)

Registration: \$10.00 per player

Location: Jackson Medical Mall
350 West Woodrow Wilson Dr.
Suite 311-C

Time: 8:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.

Deadline: January 26, 2008



*Team Registration Only
(Minimum 10 Players Per Team)*

We Didn't Invent Basketball We Just Made It Better

In early December 1891, Dr. James Naismith, a Canadian physical education student and instructor at YMCA Training School (today, Springfield College) in Springfield, Massachusetts, USA, sought a vigorous indoor game to keep his students occupied and at proper levels of fitness during the long New England winters. After rejecting other ideas as either too rough or poorly suited to walled-in gymnasiums, he wrote the basic rules and nailed a peach basket onto a 10-foot (3.05 m) elevated track. In contrast with modern basketball nets, this peach basket retained its bottom, and balls had to be retrieved manually after each "basket" or point scored, this proved inefficient, however, so a hole was drilled into the bottom of the basket, allowing the balls to be poked out with a long dowel each time. A further change was soon made, so the ball merely passed through, paving the way for the game we know today. A soccer ball was used to shoot goals. Whenever a person got the ball in the basket, they would give their team a point. Whichever team got the most points won the game.

The first official basketball game was played in the YMCA gymnasium on January 20, 1892 with nine players, on a court just half the size of a present-day Streetball or National Basketball Association (NBA) court. "Basket ball", the name suggested by one of Naismith's students, was popular from the beginning.

The Cartoon Basketball League was started in 1995 as a means of involving more kids in recreational activities. Traditionally teams participating in the league have been required to have "Cartoon Nick Names". The league is comprised of teams from all over the city as well as the state. The Cartoon Basketball League runs from 7-10 weeks and is played at various gym locations across the City of Jackson. Everyone who participates in the league receives an award.



(Dr. James Naismith)

This is a great opportunity to promote health and physical education through recreational sport. The league is very beneficial to advance players as well as those being introduced to the game of basketball.

For more information on this article and Cartoon League registration contact Sam Miller @601-960-0471